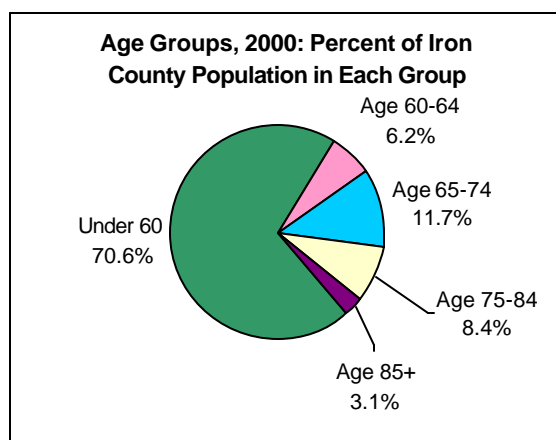

Iron County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Iron County is much higher than that of the state as a whole (23.2% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower in this county than in the state as a whole (6.1% versus 7.9%). In all, 1,591 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 213 of these are age 85 or older. Iron County's average (or median) age is 45.0 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Iron County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	6,861		6,153		708	11.5%
Persons 60 and over	2,019	29.4%	1,912	31.1%	107	5.6%
Persons 65 and over	1,591	23.2%	1,500	24.4%	91	6.1%
Persons 85 and over	213	3.1%	153	2.5%	60	39.2%



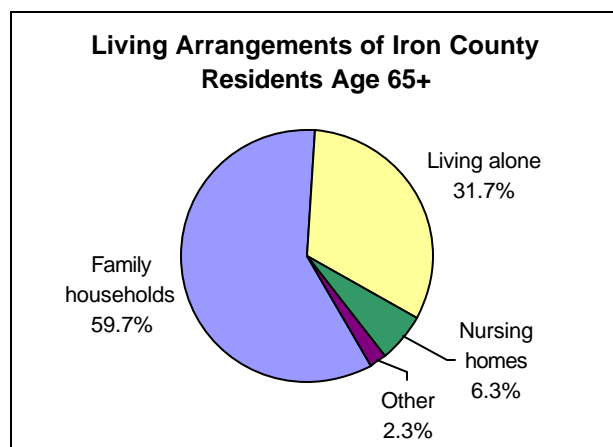
Race:

A large majority (99.5%) of Iron County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Iron County African Americans have a median age of 19.0 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 31.3 years. Whites, in contrast, average 45.3 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 3,083 households in Iron County, 1,108 include at least one person age 65 or older (35.9% of all households). A total of 1,051 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 82.1% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (59.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 31.7% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.5% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 100 people age 65 and older live in Iron County nursing homes (6.3% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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